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Alabama Emergency Management Agency toured by British Consul-General Martin Rickerd

CLANTON—British Consul-General Martin Rickerd toured the Emergency Operations Center of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) Wednesday. This visit was one stop on a trip Mr. Rickerd is making from the Gulf Coast to Birmingham.

Mr. Rickerd was briefed on citizen involvement in emergency management including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Mr. Rickerd said, "I have done CERT training. All the staff in the Consulate did it last year with the Atlanta Fire Department."

"AEMA protocols and procedures are a model for the nation," said Director Brock Long. "We are glad to have an opportunity to show visitors what we do to increase the level of preparedness in the state of Alabama."

Martin Rickerd has been Her Majesty's Consul-General at Atlanta since October, 2005. The Atlanta Consulate-General offers a range of services including support for British nationals, public diplomacy on the British government's policy priorities, and science and technology collaboration.

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